Online Courses in Speech-Language Pathology
Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Master's Program in Speech and Hearing Science

The "Distance Education" format for the Master of Science (MS) degree in Speech and Hearing Science, offered thorough the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Tennessee State University (TSU), is a 53 hour degree program which begins in the spring semester of every odd year. Because the Department has just accepted a 2009 Cohort Group into its Master's Program, **a new distance education cohort group for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science will not be enrolled until the spring of 2011. NOTE:** To begin taking graduate level courses in January, applicants must be accepted by the Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student by **November 1, 2010.** While taking six hours of graduate level courses, applicants can then apply by **February 1, 2011** for the graduate program in Speech and Hearing Science. To apply for the "Distance Education" format for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science at TSU, applicants must have:

- **Completed a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology, and/or**
- **Completed 21 hours of prerequisite coursework in speech-language pathology**

The sequence of courses for the MS degree in Speech and Hearing Science is outlined below:

Spring I

SPTH 6550	Language Development	3
SPTH 5570	Anatomy & Physiology	3

Summer I

SPTH 5520	Studies in Articulation Disorders	3
SPTH 5530	Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

Fall I

SPTH 6560	Studies in Language Disorders	3
SPTH 6540	Organic Speech Disorders Dysphagia	3

Spring I I

SPTH 5630	Adult Aphasia	3
SPTH 6530	Seminar in Stuttering	3

Summer I I

SPTH 5580	Voice Disorders	3
SPTH 5250	Advanced Audiology	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

Fall I I

SPTH 6400	Neurogenic (Motor Speech Disorders)	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1
SPTH 5710	Practicum in Audiology	1
SPTH 5110	Methods of Research	2

Spring I I I

SPTH 5510	Practicum Speech-Language Pathology	1
SPTH 6420	Multicultural literacy and Cultural Diversity	3
SPTH 5750	Seminar in Aural Rehabilitation	3

Summer I I I

SPTH 5800	Speech Science & Instrumentation	3
SPTH 5250	Methods of S & H Services in Public Schools	3
SPTH 5510	Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology	1

TOTAL HOURS   **53**

Prerequisite Courses in Department of Speech Pathology

All applicants without a background in speech-language pathology must complete 21 hours of prerequisite coursework in the area of speech-language pathology prior to submitting an application for the graduate program.   The prerequisite courses are outlined below:

Courses needed: 21 Credit Hours of Prerequisite Coursework for Students without a Bachelor's Degree in the Field

Prerequisite Courses	credit hours	
SPTH 3100 Introduction to Human Communication Disorders	3	
SPTH 3500 Language and Speech Development in Children	3	
SPTH 2600 Phonetics	3	
SPTH 2500 Speech & Hearing Science	3	
SPTH 2900 Clinical Methods in Articulation Disorders	3	
SPTH 3740 Introduction to Audiology	3	
SPTH 3720 Identification & Appraisal of Speech/Language	3	

On-Campus Clinical Observation Course (Must complete before receiving clients)

SPTH 3514-80: Observation of Clinical Practicum	1	Summer 10

NOTE: The prerequisite courses are offered on campus in a traditional classroom setting and online. The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology grants permission to take the courses outlined above as a non-degree seeking student only after the applicant has gone through department advisement. Taking the prerequisite courses as a non-degree seeking student does not ensure or obligate acceptance into the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science. A formal application for the Graduate Program must be made through the Graduate School following procedures and policies indicated in the current Graduate Catalog.

Eligibility Criteria

Individuals who **have not** been formally admitted to the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science but are interested in enrolling in speech-language courses must satisfy the following University requirements:

1) Non-degree seeking applicants for the **prerequisite level courses** must:
    a. hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in an area **other than** speech-language pathology.
    b. make formal application for admission as a non-degree seeking student to the Graduate School.
    c. return the completed application form with a $25.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School.
    d. request that the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) send one official transcript to the Graduate School.

2) Non-degree seeking applicants applying for the **graduate level courses** must:
    a. hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the area of speech-language pathology.
    b. make formal application for admission as a non-degree seeking student to the Graduate School by **November 1, 2010** to begin taking graduate level courses in Spring 2011. **NOTE: *You must submit another formal application for admission to the graduate program by***

__February 1, 2011__ to be considered a graduate student by Summer 2011.

    c. Return the completed application form with a $25.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School.

    d. Request that the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) send one official transcript to the Graduate School.

NOTE: Base-TN funding is available to support the education of a limited number of non-degree seeking students taking the master level courses. Funding is very competitive. To qualify for the funding, applicants must:

    a. possess a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in a Bachelor's program and have completed the prerequisite courses in speech-language pathology.

    b. take the Graduate Record Examination or the Miller's Analogy Test prior to **November 1, 2010** and submit the test scores with the formal application seeking admission as a non-degree seeking student.

    c. possess a minimum GRE score of 800 or an MAT scaled score of 380.

    d. submit a letter of intent along with your application for non-degree seeking status outlining the following:

        1. Your rationale for participating in the Distance Education Master's Program.

        2. Why you should be considered for the Distance Education Program.

        3. Your intention to complete the Master's degree program.

        4. Your intention to serve in the TN Public Schools following the completion of the program (**two years for each 27 semester hours of support).**

    e. submit a 2 page essay on the pros and cons of distance learning verses taking courses in a traditional classroom.

    f. submit four letters of recommendation from former professors or individuals who can discuss your ability to succeed in a graduate program.

    g. Sign a "Payback Service Agreement" and a Promissory Note agreeing to work for a TN Public School System for two years for each year of funding with a year being defined as 27 semester hours of support.

    h. complete an application requesting Base-TN funding.

    i. agree to governed by the Base-TN funding Guidelines.

NOTE: Preference will be given to persons who live a radius of 50 miles or greater outside of the Nashville Area. Additionally, applicants serving in a Tennessee Public School System on a waiver, permit or alternative license living a radius of 50 miles or greater outside of the Nashville Area, may also be eligible for funding through the Special Education Institute. Please contact Ms. Jennifer Nix (phone: 651-741-7775; e-mail: jennifer.nix@tn.gov) at the TN State Department of Education to discuss your funding options for the Special Education Institute.

Application Deadline

Admission as a Non-Degree Seeking Student For the Spring 2011 Semester.

All application materials (documents required by the University and the Tennessee State Department of Education as well as those required for funding) must be **on file** with the Graduate School Office by 4:00 pm on **November 1, 2010.**

Admission to Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science.

All students taking graduate level courses in **Spring 2011** are required to apply to the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science during the **Spring 2011** semester. A new application must be completed and submitted to the Graduate School along with a $25.00 application fee by **February 1, 2011**. Transcripts from TSU for the spring 2011 Semester must also be added to your graduate application file at the end of the semester. All other documents (GRE or MAT test scores, letters of recommendation, letter of intent) will remain on file and do not have to be resubmitted. **NOTE: Admission to the Graduate School as a non-degree seeking student does not guarantee admission to the Graduate Program in Speech and Hearing Science.**

Registration Deadline

Courses are offered during the 17 Week Spring Session. Registration for the spring semester is always at the beginning of January. Please check the Tennessee State University academic calendar at www.tnstate.edu for exact dates for registration.

How to Register
Registration Using myTSU

- Talk to an advisor in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- Prepare a list of all classes you wish to take and make sure to include the class numbers located in the Class Schedule book.
- Follow the instructions below.

myTSU

1. Access myTSU at **http://myTSU.tnstate.edu**
2. Enter your Username
3. Enter your Password.
4. Please have the call numbers for your courses available.
5. Select the appropriate options to register for your classes.
6. Once you have completed your registration, print a copy of your course schedule.

Note:

- If you do not know your username click on the "How do I get a username" option on the main screen, and enter your SSN.
- If you are logging in for the first time, your initial Campus myTSU password is the first 6 digits of your social security number. Once you are successfully logged in you will be asked to provide a password of your choosing. Keep in mind that the password IS case sensitive.
- If you can not remember your password or myTSU will not accept it, make sure the caps lock is off (the password is case sensitive) enter your password again. If this does not work, contact your advisor to verify activation of your records or the Records Office at 963-5131.

Technology Requirements

The following is a list of the basic minimum requirements for all online courses.

PC users…

A minimum computer system that will help you access all the tools in the courses is a Pentium 166 or better
64 Megabytes of RAM or better
Windows 98 (or higher if possible)
A modem (56k minimum; Cable or DSL will give you best performance)
And a dependable internet service provider (ISP). Any provider will do as long as you get and e-mail account, have access to the World Wide Web, and don't have serious problems connecting.
For a list of ISPs in your area see The List

For Mac users…

Minimum system requirements for Mac users are a 604 PowerPC processor Preferably a G3 (iMac are included) or G4 processor computer running Mac OS 9.x or above
Your Macintosh should have a minimum or 64 MB RAM, preferably 128 with at least 25 MB assigned to your browser. If you need assistance in adjusting memory please refer to your Apple Help file searching under the header Memory - Adjusting your memory usage. It is advised that you not have multiple applications open while working in your browser within the Online Degree Program . This requires more RAM and will cause the browser to run very slowly.
A modem (56k minimum; Cable or DSL will give you best performance)
And a dependable internet service provider (ISP). Any provider will do as long as you get an email account, have access to the World Wide Web, and don't have serious problems connecting or maintaining a connection. For a list of ISPs in your area see The List

Remember! The above specifications are minimal, and you'll get by with them, but more sophisticated systems are better.

Browser Recommendations

- Netscape 4.76, 6.2.1, 6.2.2, and 6.2.3 (PC & Mac)
- Internet Explorer 5.0 to 6.0, except 5.5 Service Pack 1 (PC)
- Internet Explorer 5.0 and 5.1 (Mac OS 9.x)
- Internet Explorer 5.1 (Mac OS 10.1)
- AOL 7.0 (PC & Mac)

- JavaScript must be enabled.
- Cookies must be enabled.
- Java must be enabled in courses which use the Whiteboard and/or Chat tools.

Software Requirements:

Students must possess a computer that is loaded with Microsoft PowerPoint. Additionally, students should use "Microsoft Word" for all papers and assignments.

Contact Information:
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